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Father arrested in shooting of 8-year-old boy

The police investigation into the fatal shooting of an 8-year-old by his father in their Canton Township home has been sent to the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor, according to police reports.

Police have taken the father into custody in what has been described as an accidental shooting that took place while he was cleaning a gun in the home. The child, Jack Bennett, was a student in the Wayne Westland School District.

> *It is with much sadness that we report the 8-year old boy succumbed to his injuries yesterday.*

Officers were called to a home on Old Michigan Avenue near Haggerty at about 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, according to police reports. The wounded child was rushed to an area hospital by emergency responders but died the same day.

"It is with much sadness that we report the 8-year old boy succumbed to his injuries yesterday," Deputy Police Chief Craig Wilsher said in a statement. "An individual is in custody, and we expect to turn our investigation over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office later today."

The child's mother told reporters that the shooting was a "freak accident" and that the gun was supposed to be unloaded. She said her husband was doing usual maintenance cleaning on the firearm. The gun fired one round which struck the child.

Counselors were called to the boy's elementary school last Wednesday to help students and staff members with the news.

At last report, the boy's father remained in police custody awaiting a determination on charges from the prosecutor's office.

Members of the Huron Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution ready wreaths to honor veterans at Riverside Cemetery on Wreaths Across America Day last week.

Sacred service

Plymouth, Romulus join Wreaths Across America

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth and Romulus Memorial Cemetery were the sites of mass wreath laying ceremonies by participants of the National Wreaths Across America Day when some 200 volunteers placed more than 500 wreaths on veterans' graves.

Each December, there is a coordinated mission to remember fallen U.S. veterans, honor those who serve, and teach children the value of freedom, is carried out at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 2,100 locations across the U.S., in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.

Members of the Livonia Police Department Honor Guard presented a salute firing rifle volleys, accompanied by cadets from the R.O.T.C., and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Taps were played and 35th District Court Chief Judge James Plakas gave the invocation at the 140-year-old cemetery.

Huron Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution and the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution participated laying wreaths. Elijah Shalis, first vice president, Chaplain the Rev. Sam Laswell of the Huron Valley Chapter including the Great Lakes District and Vice President Gen. James Petres were also there to officiate.

The cemetery is located behind the 35th District Court on Plymouth Road west of Haggerty. Many prominent Plymouth residents and early settlers of the area are buried at Riverside.

In 1915 and 1916, several graves were moved from the Old Presbyterian Cemetery on Church Street, where the First Presbyterian Church is today. Some graves were also moved from the small Shearer Cemetery on North Territorial Road. Markers with familiar names like Starkweather, Penniman and Hough can be found on the quiet acreage.

Romulus firefighters sponsored the Wreaths Across America event at Romulus Cemetery where veteran's of several wars are interred. Romulus Memorial Cemetery was once called Blair Cemetery and was the only cemetery in the city. The earliest recorded burial was on Dec. 21, 1833 of Polly Pullens, the wife of Jenks Pullens. Jenks Pullens served in the New York Militia war in 1812. In 1836, Ira S. Hall came to Romulus; he served in the war of 1812 and died June 20, 1859. In 1877. Robert Monomus, born in 1847, was the last known Civil War Veteran buried in the cemetery. He was only 14 years old when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Second (102nd) United States Colored Troops Union Black Unit. He was 94 old at the time of his death on May 14, 1942. There are 25 Civil War Veterans buried in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Photos of the Romulus Wreaths Across America ceremony were not available.

Oath of office

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise was officially sworn into office for his second term earlier this month. Heise said that it was "my distinct honor" to be officially sworn in by. Circuit Court Judge Annette Berry, sister of our newest Trustee Audrey Monaghan. Berry administered the oath of office to each member of the board of trustees just before the official meeting. "In the years ahead we will need your support, advice and prayers as we move our community forward," Heise said.

Testing for virus now available

Testing for COVID-19 is now available to the public in both Wayne and Westland.

The cities have cooperated with Wayne County to provide the testing sites in an effort to reach the goal of 8,000 tests each day.

In Wayne, the cost-free testing with reportedly shorter waiting times is open at the HYPE Recreation Center from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The athletic center is located at 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

In Westland, testing will take place in the parking lot at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 Newburgh Road. Residents will have no out of pocket expenses for testing. However, if insurance information is available, it will be collected for the laboratory testing fees.

There is no pre-registration or appointment needed, officials said. Minors must be accompanied by a parents or guardian and patients can expect to receive their results within 2-3 days, which will be shared via email, phone call or text message.

The Westland COVID-19 testing is open from 9 a.m.until7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. unto 3 p.m. on Saturday.There is no residency requirement for the testing.

Health professionals advised individuals not to take any fever reducing medications prior to testing. When arriving at the drive thru clinic, individuals should have a form of identification ready. Visitors are asked that they leave their car windows up until asked to lower them.

In Wayne, both drive-through and inside testing is available. Individuals older than 5 are eligible to be tested, but must be accompanied by an adult. There is no doctor's order or pre-registration necessary. As in Westland, there is no cost but if insurance information is available, it will be collected.

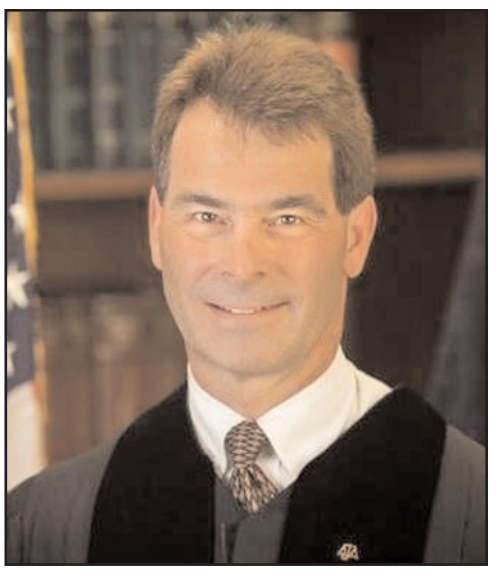
"With the uptick in COVID-19 cases so close to the holidays, our public health teams have stepped up its effort to offer more testing opportunities to keep families safe," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans.

Individuals who may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms are encouraged to get tested and quarantine until test results are received. Symptoms can develop up to 14 days after exposure to the virus, health professionals said.

Romulus

City council thanks judge for service

Members of the Romulus City Council unanimously approved a resolution of congratulations to former Judge David Parrott of the 34th District Court. Parrott announced his resignation following the Nov. 3 election when he was defeated in his bid to return to the bench.



Judge David Parrott

Parrott wrote a letter to the council members, which was read into the official minutes, thanking the community "for the opportunity to serve." In his letter, Parrot said that it was an honor to have served the community on the bench for 18 years. He said he had "great respect for the community and the residents" and that while he was retiring, he was not retiring from community life. He suggested that the city could call on him for service should there be "anything I can do."

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff thanked Parrott for his years of service and his work with the Boys and Girls Club in raising funds for the organization. Councilwoman Eva Webb said that Parrott was "honorable, fair to residents and those in surrounding community who came before him when he was on the bench."

Her sentiments were echoed by Councilman William Wadsworth and Council President John Barden.

"I've known him a long time. He was an inspiration to the city and surrounding cities. He was always upfront and fair," Barden said. "You'll be missed judge," he added. "I wish you success in your future."

Councilwoman Virginia Williams also wished Parrott well during the Zoom meeting. "He will always be a judge in my book," she said. "He was a people person and always willing to help." She suggested that should Parrott need help he remember, "we are only a phone call away.

The council also officially welcomed the newest judge at the 34th District Court, Lisa Martin. Martin, a Harvard Law School graduate and a graduate of the University of Michigan with 23 years of legal experience, garnered 51.85 percent of votes in the election to secure her term on the bench.

Members of the council approved a formal resolution welcoming her, extending congratulations and acknowledging her as the first African American woman to be sworn in to serve at the 34th District Court.

The votes on both resolutions were unanimous.

Authority of building officials may change

Amendments to current city ordinances in Romulus will provide building officials with another tool to control blight in the city, according to Director of Building and Safety Robert McCreight.

Following discussion of the changes in language, the first reading of the changes to the ordinances was approved unanimously, although Councilwoman Virginia Williams initially told the council members during the recent Zoom meeting that she opposed the changes based on a "lack of information."

> *Previously, we had to write two misdemeanor citations for violations. These changes allow us now to write a civil infraction.*

The new language would allow a city building official, with permission from McCreight, to issue a misdemeanor violation to those in violation of city building ordinances, rather than first issuing two citations. The misdemeanor ticket would place the issue in the hands of the court, skipping the first two citations.

MCreight told the council in response to questions from Williams that the modifications were an effort to "make all the language in the ordinances the same" as some now contain conflicting language.

Williams insisted that she had not had the total information presented to accept the first reading of the proposed changes.

"I can't get with this one," she said.

McCreight explained that the new language does not change the jurisdiction of the building department, only allows them more discretion in controlling situations that could be detrimental to the community more expeditiously.

"Previously, we had to write two misdemeanor citations for violations," he said. "These changes allow us now to write a civil infraction." He said that then the violation would to into the court system for adjudication.

"Our guys will try to work with property owners before any infraction. We have hardship cases right now, people who have had COVID or lost jobs. Obviously, we are going to work with them," he said.

Williams said she was shocked that the proposed changes came back to council with "all these parts of the ordinance" changed.

McCreight again explained that this was an effort to reconcile the language in the ordinance section so that there were no conflicting statements.

Councilwoman Eva Webb was appreciative of McCreight's efforts to answer questions council members had posed during the previous study session.

"You broke our concerns down section by section," she said.

Councilman William Wadsworth said he felt the changes were an "excellent tool to help clean up our city. It is my understanding that if the misdemeanor ticket is written and the owner takes care of the problem before they go to court, it is dropped?"

Following McCreight's assurance that this was the procedure, the first reading of the amendments was approved by a unanimous vote. The second reading of the new language is set for the Dec. 28 meeting of the city council.

Charitable giving is urged

Romulus City Councilman William Wadsworth had a brief holiday message for the community during the recent Zoom meeting of the city council.

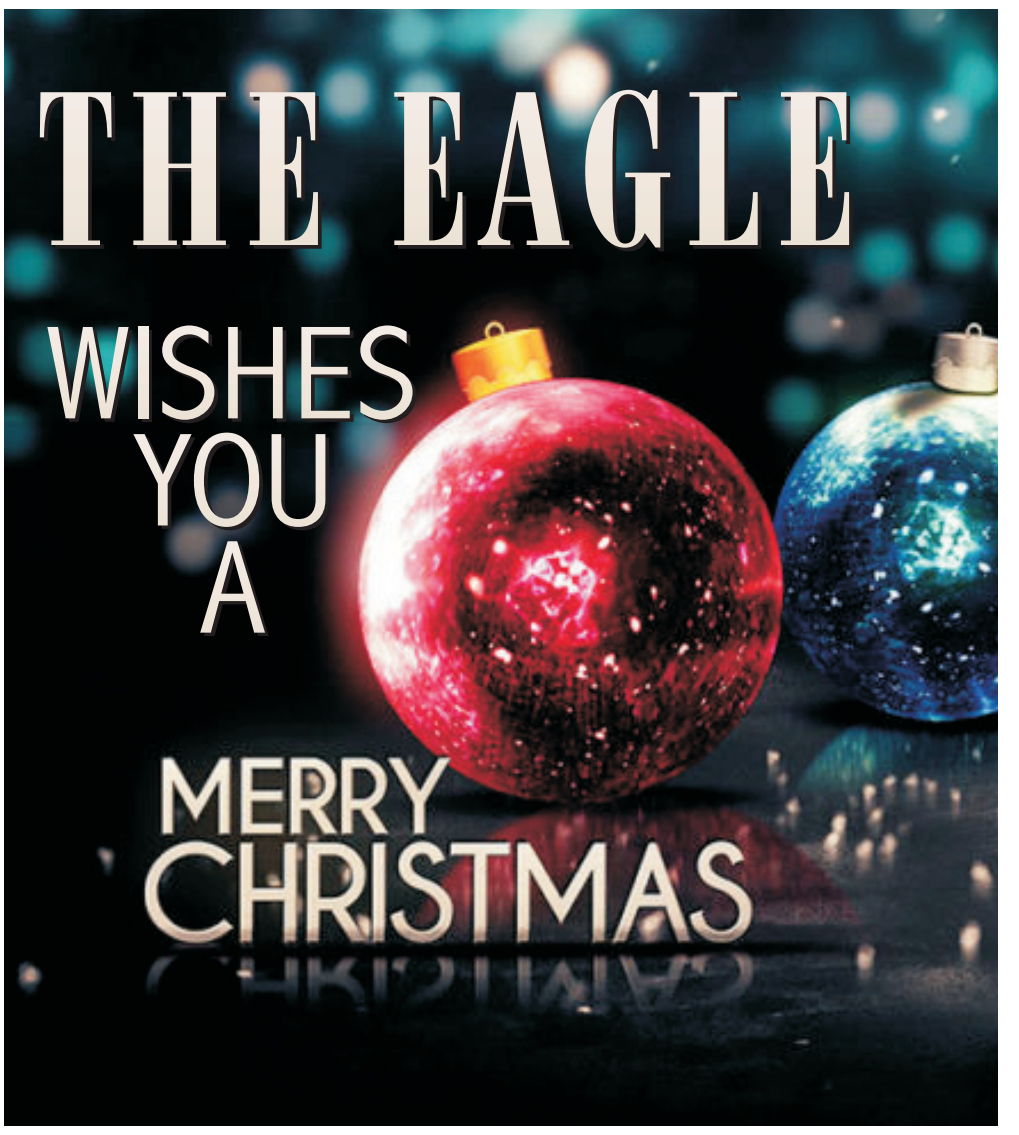
"This is the Christmas season, usually a time of giving," Wadsworth said, "although many of us feel that more has been taken from us than given this year."

Wadsworth, the longest serving member of the council, suggested that this was still a time to remember local charitable organizations and groups that are more in need of help this year due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wadsworth, who along with his wife recently recovered from the virus, said there are so many in the community who still need donations and help.

"I suggest you think of the animal shelter, which always needs donations," he said. Wadsworth was the driving force in the community for securing donated funds and in-kind contributions to fund the city animal shelter.

"Think about Helping Hand, the Coleman Center, the library the Salvation Army," he said. "Give to something somewhere," he suggested, "even though it seems more has been taken than given this year."



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 23, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY
VIA ZOOM MEETING/TELECOMMUNICATION

Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Councilwoman Abdo

Roll Call
Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams
Absent / Excused: William Wadsworth
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Administrative Staff in Attendance:
D'Sjonaun Hockenhull - Deputy Clerk; Julie Wojtylko - Chief of Staff; Roberto Scappaticci - DPW Director; Maria Farris - Finance Director; Joshua Monte - Police Captain; Kevin Krause - Fire Chief; Merrie Druyor - DDA Director; Stephen Dudek - Technology Director; Robert McCraight - DPS Director; Stephen Hitchcock - City Attorney; Carol Maise - City Planner

1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to accept the agenda as presented
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes
A. **Res. #20-303** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to amend the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 to correct the Communication section of the minutes
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-304 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 9, 2020 as amended
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. **Res. #20-305** Moved by Kathy Abdo, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the special meeting(s) closed sessions held on November 9, 2020 at 6:30p & 6:45p to discuss attorney opinion and pending litigation
Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner No petitions/petitioners at this time

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
Res. #20-306 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Consent Judgement presented and recommended by legal counsel in the matter of M&M Express Trucking, Inc. v City of Romulus.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-307 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a resolution in support of the street signing for Clara Williams. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams Nays - None Motion Carried Unanimously Councilwoman Webb extended her congratulations to Judge-Elect Lisa Martin Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to accept the Chairperson's Report
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A. **Res. #20-308** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached grant agreement between the State of Michigan - Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and the City of Romulus from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021 with a local share of $55,261.63.
Motion Carried Unanimously
B. **Res. #20-309** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Beth Maze with a term to expire on March 11, 2023 to the Downtown Development Authority
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-310 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and approve the appointment of Jeffrey Lowrey, with a term to expire on July 31,2023, to the Downtown Development Authority.
Motion Carried Unanimously
C. **Res. #20-31**1 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and adopt the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated September 14, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams
Motion Carried Unanimously
D. **Res. #20-312** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adopt the resolution to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to use the Capital Improvement Bond, Series 201 A Construction Fund for property acquisition and road improvement costs for the intersection of Ecorse and Wayne Roads in the City of Romulus in an amount not to exceed the remaining balance in this account which is approximately $1,693,631.59.
Motion Carried Unanimously
E. **Res. #20-313** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the administration and adopt the resolution to use public funds to replace residential lead private water service lines in the City of Romulus.
Motion Carried Unanimously
F. **Res. #20-314** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-10 for the Barth Road Water Main Project.
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Res. #20-315 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee and approve the reappointments to the Board of Review for Deborah Hoffman and Shirley Lamberson for term(s) starting 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2022.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Res. #20-316 Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Eva Webb to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Norman McClendon
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer
A. Treasure Paige briefly reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report and referred any additional inquiries to her office.

8. Public Comment - A resident submitted an email to public comment@romulusgov.com to inquire about the order and placement of her community for street repairs, specifically Sand Piper Drive and Swan Lake. The email was read into the record by the Clerk and forwarded to the Mayor's Office for response.

9. Unfinished Business - No unfinished business at this time

10. New Business - No New Business at this time

11. Warrant
A. **Res. #20-317** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve Warrant #: 20-22 Checks presented in the amount of $1,008,287.40.
Motion Carried Unanimously

12. Communication
Councilwoman Roscoe wished everyone and wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. She announced the winners of the Cutest Baby Contest, Cutest Pets Contest, and Fall Porch and House Decorating Contest. She further thanked all the participants in the contests. Councilwoman Talley thanked Brian O'Connor and Fire Chief Krause for their efforts, in coordination with MDHHS, in the delivery of 1700 face masks to multiple churches. She also thanked city officials for the invite of the swearing in of a police officer. Councilwoman Williams informed the residents of an event, by one of the sons of the owner of Metro Meets, called Bring up Hope. Event organizers are asking for monetary donations as well as donations of hats, gloves, scarves, and coats. The date of the event is December 5th. She also announced that Forgotten Harvest will be at Romulus Community High School on November 24 and will be giving away one turkey per car.

13. Adjournment
Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 23, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

Museum offers holiday trip through history

Area residents can experience a little Christmas nostalgia as they drive by or take a stroll around the grounds of the Canton Historical Museum to view holiday window displays.

Featured decorations in the Cozy Canton Christmas display include nostalgic posters of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, gingerbread men, candy canes, and even Santa Claus. Eight windows were outlined with garland and lights to showcase the throwback images from holidays of long ago.

"With the state of the pandemic, the Canton Historical Museum felt it was important to provide a sense of nostalgia with holiday images of the things that we hold most dear," said Lynn Beattie, Canton Historical Museum director. "This trip down memory lane with our Cozy Canton Christmas displays will hopefully provide some joy and lift everyone's spirits with glimpses of these iconic holiday images."

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Visitors can see displays arranged by Beattie and Museum Newsletter Editor Lisa Rahrig with lights that go on at dusk and off in the early morning hours. Museum organizers are also asking for suggestions and feedback regarding future holiday displays or other exhibitions on the Canton Historical Society'Facebook page @CantonHistoricalSociety.

The Canton Historical Museum gratefully accepts donations of artifacts and documents that have a historical connection to Canton Township. In addition, if area residents have photographs or documents of historical interest, but would rather not donate them, copies can be made to enable the return of the originals. The Canton Historical Museum also accepts monetary donations, which are tax-deductible.

The Cozy Canton Christmas display will continue through Jan. 8. The museum is located at 1022 South Canton Center Road. For more information about the Canton Historical Museum, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Van Buren Schools leader receives high marks

Superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools Pete Kudlak received all A's during his performance evaluation this year.

During a meeting of the members of the board of education earlier this month, Kudlak was given a "highly effective" rating, the highest possible on the Michigan Association of School Boards evaluation form. The multi-page form rates superintendent's performance in areas including governance and board relations; community relations; staff relations; business and finance and instructional leadership.

There are multiple sub-categories of areas on the form which uses a point system for scoring.

Kudlak also received top marks from the board members during his evaluation last year.

The school officials agreed by unanimous vote to extend Kudlak's employment contract until June 30, 2024 and maintain his current salary of $154,000 for the 2021-2022 year.

The financial audit of the district finances also received the highest possible rating of "unmodified audit" from Taylor & Morgan CPAs and Business Advisors.

The audit shows that the general fund balance increased $397,908 increasing from $8,766,856 to $9,164,764. That balance is about a one-month expenditure reserve for the district.

Canton man faces 18 sexual abuse charges

A Canton Township man is facing life imprisonment if convicted of 18 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

Shailesh K. Patel, 53, was arraigned in 35th District Court Dec. 18 on the charges which stemmed from an investigation by the Canton Police Department in conjunction with the FBI task force and SEMTEC (Southeast Michigan Trafficking and Exploitation Crimes).

> *The majority of the allegations involve a child younger than 13.*

Officials said the investigation was based on a complaint of abuse filed by a victim. That complaint, according to police reports, dates back to 2005. The majority of the allegations involve a child younger than 13.

Patel is also charged with three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, including force and coercion..

Patel was arraigned before Chief Judge James Plakas who denied bail and remanded the defendant to the Wayne County Jail where he remains.

Patel is due in court again Dec. 28.

Shailesh K. Patel

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1. Agenda
A. Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the agenda as presented
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes
A. **Res. #20-318** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 23, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None Abstain - Wadsworth
Motion Carried

B. **Res. #20-319** Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting - Study Session held on November 23, 2020 @ 7:00pm for discussion of amendment to Section 8-20 of the City Code of Ordinance
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Webb, Williams
Nays - None Abstain - Wadsworth
Motion Carried

3. Petitioner
No petitioners/petitions at this meeting

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem
A. **Res. #20-320** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and the Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve the Letter of Agreement with Teamsters Local 214 for the protection of the active employees who are currently covered by Michigan Conference of Teamsters Welfare Health Care Benefits, if the employee were to revert to a non-paid status, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb,
Nays -Williams
Motion Carried
Councilperson Abdo acknowledged and congratulated Recreation Coordinator, Tanya Cofield, and the Recreation Department for receiving the Michigan's Innovators award for the unique approach to this year's Daddy-Daughter Dance.
Councilperson Wadsworth thanked everyone for the prayers and well wishes as he and his wife recovered from COVID-19. He further warned of the dangers of the disease and encouraged everyone to wear a mask.
Moved by Celeste Roscoe, seconded by Tina Talley to approve the Approval of the Chairperson's Report
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
A. **Res. #20-321** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Eva Webb** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Human Resources Director to sign the Michigan Employees Retirement System Agreement Addendums due on or before December 15, 2020
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-322** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Pass Through Agreement with Southeast Michigan Council of Governments accepting the awarded $40,000.00 grant, which includes a federal share of $32,740.00 and a local share for the City of Romulus of $7,260.00 for the creation of a pathway system master plan. This plan will include corridor studies for sidewalk and future connections to the Turtle Cove Water Park as well as the Metro Parks.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

C. **Res. #20-323** Moved by Tina Talley, seconded by Celeste Roscoe to concur with the administration and consent to piggyback on the Omnia Partners Public Sector Contract #R180903, with Weather Proofing Technologies Inc., to perform necessary repairs to the roof at Romulus City Hall totaling $50,485.00
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

D. **Res. #20-324** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and award ITB 20/21-07 to the most responsive bidder Ritter GIS Inc., for a five (5) year contract for professional services for the maintenance, enhancement, and continued development of the geographical information systems (GIS) of the City of Romulus and existing Cityworks databases. Costs for this will be budgeted for each fiscal year and will not exceed the budget.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

E. Stephen Hitchcock, City Attorney, summarized his written communication with City Council around the term "general circulation" as defined in the City Charter. David Willet, president of Associated Newspaper and publisher of the Romulus Roman, requested to speak to City Council before action was taken. Gina Steward, CEO and publisher of Telegram News, requested to speak to City Council before action was taken.
Res. #20-325 Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Tina Talley to award Bid ITB 20/21-10 Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all City notices to Associated Newspaper for the calendar year 2021at a per column inch price of $4.75 per inch.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth
Nays -Webb, Williams
Motion Carried

F. **Res. #20-326** Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-11 to recognize Grant Contribution from SEMCOG and reducing General Fund Balance of $7,260.00
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

G. **Res. #20-327** Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with the administration and introduce budget amendment 20/21-12 to recognize grant revenue and expenditures for the grant awarded on September 23,2020 for CTCL, Safe and Secure Election Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

A. **Res. #20-328** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Second Reading, Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 20/21-10 Water & Sewer fund, introduced at 11/23/20 regular City Council meeting
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

B. **Res. #20-329** Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Advisory Committee to appoint Gary Harris and Jill Lambert to serve as "alternate members" to the Romulus Board of Review with the same terms as the regular member(s) beginning 12/08/2020 and ending 12/31/2021
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb
Nays -Williams
Motion Carried

C. **Res. #20-330** Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** to approve the Study Session Request from Mayor's Office for 12/14/20 @ 6:00pm for the Midyear Financial Presentation
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer
Treasurer Paige congratulated Tanya Cofield and the Recreation Department on their recent award and communicated to Councilperson Wadsworth her happiness that he made a speedy recovery. She reminded the everyone that the winter tax bills were mailed out and residents should have already received them. She also wanted the listening audience to know that if there are any questions or concerns to contact her office.

8. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes. All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.
A reporter asked campaign finance related questions to the Mayor. A resident from Oakbrook Subdivision spoke on the increase in violent crimes near his residence and what could be done to preserve the peace in the subdivision CEO of the Telegram News objected to the bid submitted by Associated Newspaper as not accurate according to the bid requirements and wanted to verify if the information on the bid sheet was correct A resident spoke to a correction on a motion entered under item 6b of the Clerk's Report Another resident from Oakbrook Subdivision spoke to how dangerous the subdivision is getting and that it is making him rethink living in the city. Another resident from Oakbrook subdivision inquired as to what other resources are available to help the residents in the subdivision feel safe Another resident from Oakbrook Subdivision spoke on the lack of assigned officers to the subdivision and on patrol. Another resident from Oakbrook Subdivision inquired on the possibility of establishing a neighborhood/block watch.

9. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business at this time

10. New Business
No new business at this time

11. Communication
Councilperson Talley offered her appreciation and delight that Councilperson Wadsworth and his family recovered from COVID-19. She thanked the Fire Department and specifically Bryan O'Connor for coordinating the distribution of face masks to churches in the surrounding areas, through the Mask Up Initiative, with the recent distribution of 750 face masks. Police Chief Pfannes assured residents that Oakbrook subdivision is on the top of the Police Department list and wanted to work with each of the residents in making the subdivision better and safer. Councilperson Williams requested that the Mayor consider a moratorium of the water shut offs since the pandemic is continues. She also offered face masks, gloves, and hand sanitizers to those who need it. Councilperson Williams moved for a congratulatory resolution to recognize Judge-Elect Lisa Martin.
Res. #20-331 Moved by **Virginia Williams**, seconded by **William Wadsworth** for a congratulatory resolution to Judge-Elect Lisa Martin
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously
Councilperson Roscoe thanked the residents at Oakbrook Subdivision for the concern of the neighborhood and fellow neighbors; as well as, bringing it to City Council's attention. She assured the residents that their pleas has not fallen on deaf ears. She further states that City Council is equally concerned about the safety of the residents will work hard to clean up the neighborhood.

12. Adjournment
Moved by William Wadsworth, seconded by Eva Webb to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Roscoe, Talley, Wadsworth, Webb, Williams
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on December 7, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Inkster - Northville

Northville police chief to lead associations

Northville Police Chief Alan Maciag has been elected president of the Wayne County Chiefs of Police and also will serve as president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Maciag joined the Northville Police Department as chief in December of 2018.

Maciag started his law enforcement career at the Wayne Police Department more than 21 years ago and rose to become police chief in that city. While with the Wayne department, he held supervisory roles in the Investigative and Traffic Bureau and in the undercover unit (COPC-RU), among other areas. He also gained experience as an accident investigator and evidence technician. He was named Wayne's Police Officer of the Year in 2001.

He earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Western Michigan University; an M.A. in Criminology from Eastern Michigan University and graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

Maciag is also a graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He serves on several boards of chiefs organizations in the state and is a member of the Curriculum Committee of the FBI National Academy Michigan Chapter.

At the Southeastern Michigan Association Chiefs of Police, Maciag served as first vice president in 2020. He begins his one-year term as president on Jan. 7, 2021. Among the association goals and objectives, is the improvement of law enforcement through the cooperation of public and private agencies focused on protecting lives and property; encouraging professional recruitment, selection and training of qualified law enforcement personnel; promoting and adhering to high law enforcement standards of conduct; stimulating citizen interest in law enforcement through good public relations and aiding the adoption of statutes, good police practices and the general welfare and safety of the public. Among his duties as president, he will preside at all meetings of the executive board and association, serve as association spokesperson to the press and public, appoint committees and designate chairs of those committees.

At the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police, Maciag was vice president in 2020. He represents member police chiefs, directors and executive-level law enforcement professionals across Wayne County during his one-year term. His term as president began on Nov. 17.

Alan Maciag

Heat in the Street pods now being installed

The "Heat in the Street" program is under way in downtown Northville with vendor stands and eating pods to expand the restaurant scene and create a European-style outdoor bistro area.

The stands will enable restaurants to sell prepared food and beverages in an outdoor setting and patrons will be able to consume meals, snacks and beverages in the heated pods, which have three open sides for good ventilation.

Toria and Table 5 and Lucy and the Wolf restaurants will be the first to serve special quick-bite menus from the food stands. The stands are open from 4-9 p.m. Friday, from noon until 9 p.m. Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday in Town Square, which is decorated for the season. The centrally-located park on Main Street, east of Center features a large Christmas tree, a Letters to Santa mailbox, and a year-round concert stage and Wi-Fi.

Several restaurants have erected structures outside their buildings to continue serving patrons while abiding by state mandates that closed indoor dining due to a spike in COVID-19 cases.

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and area businesses continue to raise funds to purchase the outdoor pods and stands, which were designed and made locally. To contribute, visit the GoFundMe campaign.

Dining pods operate on a first-come basis and can't be reserved. Food may also be purchased from area restaurants and consumed at these pods. Designated restaurants/bars with special liquor licenses can sell alcoholic drinks for consumption in the Social District. All restaurants are open for carry-out with delivery options. For a full list of restaurants, visit the DDA website.

Portions of Main Street and North Center are closed to traffic so people can stroll through the pedestrian walkway, dine outdoors or shop. More pods and stands will be delivered by the end of this month. Those visiting the Social District should still practice physical distancing, wear masks and use hand sanitizer frequently.

The street closures will be monitored by the DDA and could change if warranted.

An artist's rendering of pods and stands set up in Town Square.

Grant to fund upgrade of service in Inkster

Inkster is among the communities that will soon realize free Wi-Fi access at more than 50 community locations across Southeast Michigan. The effort is part of the Merit Network Michigan Moonshot initiative and was supported by contributions from the Toyota USA Foundation and Cisco.

"For thousands of students across the state of Michigan, the pandemic has introduced new challenges or highlighted existing ones. We expect this to help both rural and urban communities access the internet for basic informational needs tied to living, learning and working," said Charlotte Bewersdorff, Merit Network vice president for Community Engagement.

The grants address the digital divide by providing community organizations with the technological ability to extend their existing internet connectivity through Wi-Fi networks which are accessible outside their walls.

"It is our responsibility as business leaders to step up and mobilize the tools and innovations at our disposal to help curtail the growing disparities in our communities caused by the digital divide," said Nick Michaelides, senior vice president, U.S. Public Sector at Cisco. "We are proud to launch this initiative alongside Merit and Toyota to help ensure equity of access, and to power an inclusive future for all Michiganders."

Moving into the future, the Michigan Moonshot will continue to identify and lessen the impacts of inequitable access to broadband internet with the help from area communities.

The Michigan Moonshot is a collective call to action which aims to bridge the digital divide in Michigan. Stakeholders include Merit Network, the Quello Center at Michigan State University and M-Lab, the largest open internet measurement platform in the world. This call to action is an initiative to expand broadband access to all citizens through policy and funding, data and mapping, education and resources. Learn more about the Michigan Moonshot at Merit.edu/moonshot.

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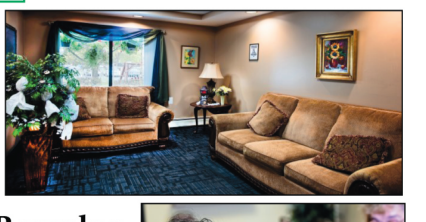

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Rezoning OK'd to allow meat processing plant

Wayne City Council members have approved the rezoning of a 5.63-acre property on Cogswell to facilitate a $1.7 million investment in the city.

The property, zoned as Heavy Industrial has been conditionally rezoned to allow for the butchering/slaughtering of animals and retail sales as requested by Michigan Meats, a company proposing to construct three buildings on the site. According to the rezoning proposal, Michigan Meats is a USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) approved and monitored facility. The company will invest $1.7 million in the construction of three buildings on the site at 8,000, 3,200 and 3,000 square feet in size, respectively. One of the buildings will be a small custom butcher shop for retail sales, according to plans submitted to the city.

> *The meat processing operations will store all animals indoors and no animals will be stored outside the buildings.*

The meat processing operations will store all animals indoors and no animals will be stored outside the buildings, according to the plans. Waste materials will be stored and inside the buildings in drums kept in temperature-controlled areas. Waste will be picked up daily for disposal. Plans include the installation of a 4-yard size Dumpster on site to dispose of manure and straw.

Michigan Meats representatives have agreed to comply with all city noise and odor ordinances and claim that the loudest noise at the facility will be from the cooling compressors.

Spared

Tongue-in-cheek health report helps save local bowling alley

The announcement by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last week that the state Department of Health had lifted the ban on bowling alleys starting Monday rolled a strike with Steven Klein.

Klein, who posted a dramatic account of the potential demise of his "baby" due to COVID-19 on Facebook recently, was overwhelmed by the attention and support his creative announcement prompted.

Klein posted the tongue-in-cheek account of the dire effects of the virus on Dec. 6 and one of the regular bowlers at the Westland facility began a GoFundMe account to help save the establishment.

"She is barely conscious. She is dying slowly. She is watching her loyal staff and caretakers go find other sources of income because she can't provide for her family any longer," he wrote. "Her customers are finding other places to bowl. The people she loves are being forced to bowl in another State just to do what they love doing with her at her house. But, she is not conscious. She is not available to them. She is dying. Something is killing her and she is being told that she needs to be sacrificed," Klein posted.

"Her death will save lives. She sees the mailbox continue to fill up with bills. Bills that have never stopped coming. The bills are as unrelenting as a shark that smells blood in the water. The end is near. There isn't anything her Daddy can do to save her. He is helpless. It's killing him. So when you see her Daddy, and he doesn't have that same sparkle in his eyes or same love in his heart understand he is watching his baby die, right in front of his eyes," he continued in his Facebook narrative.

His creative narrative also caught the attention of both local TV and out-of-state media.

The GoFundMe account had generated $8,000 to help the lanes continue to roll along through the pandemic by last week.

Klein said he was hoping for the ban on bowling to be lifted for the love of the sport. Vision Lanes is also still open at the Ford Road location for carry-out only from All-star Grille and Music Bar and for bowling with capacity limited to 100 people.

Hometown heroes

The COVID-19 pandemic did not stop the City of Wayne Fire Department version of Shopping with your Heroes. Members of the Wayne Firefighters Local #162 shopped for holiday toys and gifts and made special deliveries to Wayne-Westland students,. Fire Department Capt. Dave Wylie and Firefighters Jeremy Tima and Tavis Brehmer brought holiday cheer to area residents recently.

City offers housing, rent relief

Westland residents whose income has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for rent or mortgage relief through the Westland Cares program.

The Westland Cares program was designed to assist low to moderate income families with emergency emergency rent or mortgage payments for households whose income has been affected due to job loss or medical costs.

Preference will be given to applicants who deferred rent/mortgage payments during the moratorium. Payments will be made directly to the rental owner or mortgage company.

Residents can obtain more information or apply online at www.cityofwestland.com or at (734) 713-3711.

Synopsis of Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings

Members: Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Clerk Michael Siegrist, Treasurer Dian Slavens

Trustees: Kate Borninski, Sommer Foster, Tania Ganguly, Steven Sneideman

Regular Meeting 11/10/2020: Synopsis: Held Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 11/17/2020: Synopsis: Held Public Hearing on Dangerous Buildings Show Cause. Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Regular Meeting 11/24/2020: Synopsis: Approved consent and general calendar as posted in full on website.

Copies of the complete Board minutes can be found for free at www.canton-mi.org. Minutes can also be viewed or copied at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI during normal business hours. Call 734-394-5120 for more information. CN2150 - 122420 2.5 x 1.574

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, December 17, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items** - Approved
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **NHS Girls Golf Team Resolution** - Approved
   - B. **Board of Trustee Appointments to Boards/Commissions** - Approved
   - C. **Planning Commission - Gary Yang appointment** - Approved
   - D. **HDC - William Sivy reappointment** - Approved
   - E. **Parks & Recreation - Gift Acceptance** - Approved
   - F. **Landfill Working Committee Report** - Presented
3. **Public Hearing:** None
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Two residents had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **Finance - 1% Administrative Fee** - Approved
   - B. **Finance - Water Fee Recommendation** - Approved
   - C. **Board of Trustees - Study Session 2021** - Approved
   - D. **Board of Trustees - Seven Mile Park Committee** - Approved
   - E. **Board of Trustees - Pathway Committee** - Approved
   - F. **Public Services** - 48515 Seven Mile Road Bid - Approved
   - G. **Public Services** - Water Storage Analysis - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business:** None
7. **Ordinances:** None
8. **Check Registry:**

A. In the amount of $2,051,092.64 for the period of November 7, 2020 to December 4, 2020. - Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen and Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on December 29, 2020.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
January 14, 2021

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **MONDAY, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held by electronic remote access. Individuals may join the video teleconference by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184868953

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7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Minutes:
December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Approval of Agenda

General Calendar:

1. Applicant, Danny Veri, for property located on the east side of Lilley Road between Warren Rd. and Joy Rd., Zoning R-6. Property address is 7720 Lilley Road N. Appealing Section 6.03(A)(6) of the Zoning Ordinance. The requested variance is to allow a 10-foot separation distance between the north building wall and the access drive - a variance of 15 feet from the minimum 25-foot separation distance. Parcel ID 71-008-99-0001-707 (Planning).

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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Plymouth

Plans for 2021 Plymouth Ice Festival in limbo

Hearts, flowers and ice may be in order during Valentines Day in Plymouth next year.

While the pandemic has apparently forced the cancellation of the Plymouth Ice Festival during January next year, organizer James Gietzen is looking at the possibility of a smaller, February event.

> *The ice festival was originally planned decades ago as a way to attract local visitors and shoppers to the downtown Plymouth area during the post-holiday weeks.*

Gietzen, owner of JAG Entertainment, the producer of the Ice Festival and other festivals in the area, said that planning a smaller version of the event might be necessary if the pandemic forces the cancellation of the event next month. He said if the event were to be moved to February, he would need to ask the city for a special event permit by the end of January, but everything remains tenuous, due to the current health threat posed by the virus.

He said he has spoken with several individuals usually involved with the festival, who have been supportive of a move, but cautious.

He said the festival this year, whether in January or moved to February, would include about 50 or so smaller ice sculptures spread throughout the city, rather than the larger works usually installed in Kellogg Park. He said the event would need the help of financial sponsors to be viable this year and that social distancing and masks would probably still be required.

Typically, the Plymouth Ice Festival draws more than 50,000 people into town to view the large ice sculptures, the ice carving championships, the ski demonstrations and the dueling chain saw competition. Much of that might not happen with the smaller event, which Geitzen said would be promoted more as a local, community festival, rather than the regional attraction as in the past.

He said the ice festival was originally planned decades ago as a way to attract local visitors and shoppers to the downtown Plymouth area during the post-holiday weeks when businesses need customers and people are looking for some entertainment.

The reduced size of sculptures shouldn't be a problem for the artists who carve the ice, either, he said, as most of them have also been adversely affected by the pandemic and would welcome the work.

Geitzen said a decision on the event this year would be made as soon as possible, taking all factors, including the health of the anticipated crowds, into account.

Now open

Dr. Joneigh S. Khaldun, above, chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, announced last week that amended epidemic orders would allow indoor activities where visitors can remain masked, as this has been shown to slow the virus. This includes in-person learning at high schools and indoor entertainment venues. Casinos, bowling centers and movie theatres will be allowed to reopen with capacity capped at 100; food and drink concessions closed and social distancing requirements in place. The new order became effective Monday, Dec. 21.

Double trouble

Fire victims' GoFundMe money is missing

When an electrical fire destroyed the home of the Micol family just before Thanksgiving Day, they were grateful to have saved their lives.

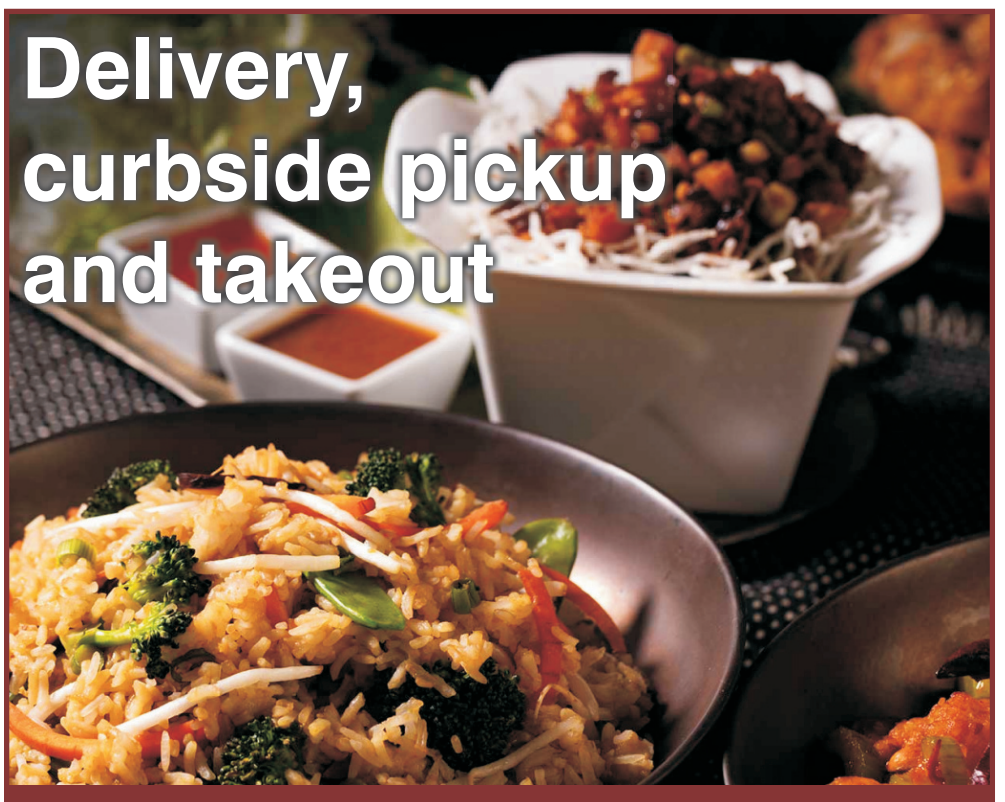
> *It really, really hurts,*

Damien Micol, his wife, Allison, and two sons, Noah, 6, and Ryder, 5, were awakened in the early morning by the fire which left their mobile home in Plymouth uninhabitable and destroyed all their possessions and even legal documents. The devastation prompted a neighbor to start a GoFundMe account for the family which raised more than $6,000 to help them. The Micols received about $1,000 of those donations and the rest apparently remains in the possession of the person who created the account.

The couple attempted to file a police report with Plymouth Township police but were told it is a civil matter. The family has also contacted GoFundMe in an attempt to find some help in what has been an extremely difficult situation. The family is staying with family members and hoping to either see some of the funds donated or have those gifts returned to those who attempted to help them.

"It really, really hurts," Micol, who is without a job now, said. His parents have now established a new GoFundMe account to try and help the family.

A response to the Micol's complaints was recently issued to the media by GoFundMe officials."We take all complaints seriously and I can confirm that our Trust & Safety team is investigating. They've reached out to the organizer for more information to ensure funds got to the right place," the service said in a written communication. "In the meantime, if donors who contributed to this GoFundMe fundraiser would like to request a refund in the meantime, we will process it for them."



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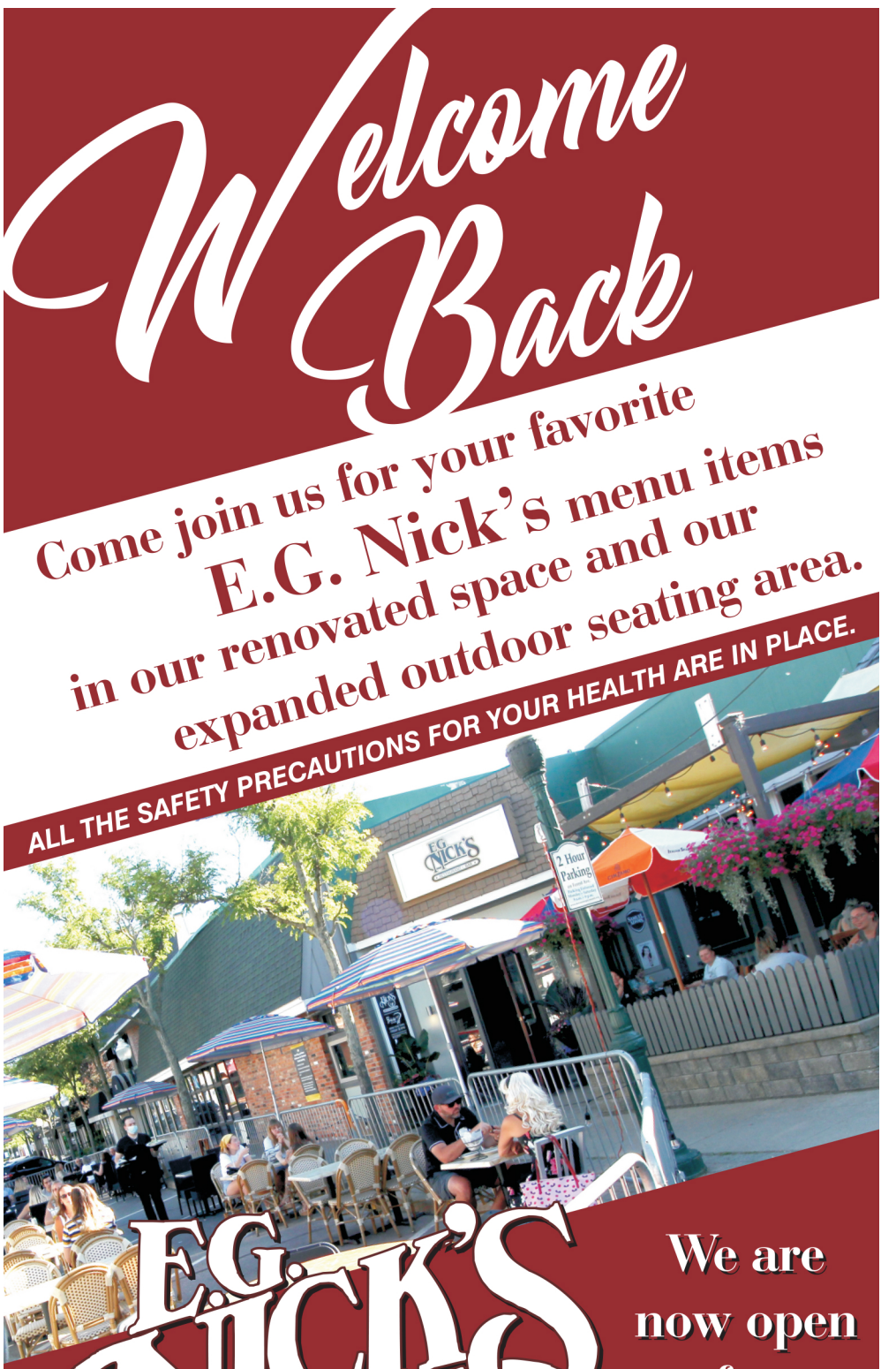

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